**3356-4-08 University police.**

Responsible Division/Office: Finance and Facilities

Responsible Officer: VP for Finance and Business Operations

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(A) Policy statement. The president of the university shall have the authority to take the necessary action to regulate the use of university facilities and the conduct of students, staff, faculty, and visitors so that law and order are maintained.

(B) Parameters.

(1) The university police shall have as its primary mission the protection and safety on campus of the person and property of students, faculty, staff, and visitors and the protection of university property.

(2) The university police shall enforce the laws of the state of Ohio and the ordinances of the city of Youngstown.

(3) The university police shall assist the vice president for finance and business operations with the enforcement of rules and regulations governing student behavior and shall assist the other executive officers with the enforcement of all other university rules and regulations.

(4) The university police shall cooperate with the Youngstown police department, the Mahoning valley law enforcement task force (Mahoning and Trumbull counties), and the state universities of Ohio in compliance with the terms of mutual aid agreements between the university and the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

(C) Procedures.

(1) All university police are required to take an oath of office, wear the badge of office, and wear an approved uniform while on duty.

(2) All sworn officers shall be armed with a weapon and ammunition approved and issued by the university chief of police (“chief”), and they shall carry only such additional equipment as approved and issued by the chief.

(3) Each officer is required to meet and maintain minimum standards of proficiency and fitness for the office. At the time of appointment, each sworn peace officer shall be certified by the Ohio peace officers training council and shall annually demonstrate proficiency with firearms, physical fitness, and mental stability.

(4) Departmental operating procedures and regulations for the conduct of officers shall be published and amended as necessary by the chief of the university police department.